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In accordance with the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed June 28, 2004, enclosed are two (2) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1 through 5 concerning the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed copy of the formal drawings place this application in condition to be issued, upon payment of the issue fee.

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